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Christmas Around the Year

By Margaret Davis Harney, CFC Communications

If you walk down the first floor hall by the Office of the Ombudsman, you've probably wondered why you see a Christmas tree through the window. There's a simple explanation. It isn't a Christmas tree – it's a spring tree, decorated in beautiful pastel eggs, chicks and bunnies.

Before it was a spring tree, it was a St. Patrick's Day tree, and before that, it was a Valentine's Day tree. And yes, before that it was an elegantly decorated Christmas tree.

The lead decorators are Rodney Moore, citizen assistant specialist, and Michele Harrod, administrative specialist, but the tree is an office project. The entire staff participates in planning the themes and everyone brings in decorative items. It's been good for morale, Moore said, pulling the office together.

Office morale is also built on food. A potluck luncheon or a breakfast is held monthly. Moore also takes the lead on that, planning the menu and sending it around the office for others to select their contribution. They even have occasional indoor barbecues, with Moore serving up the entrée from his George Foreman grill.

Moore also boosts morale with decorative floral arrangements. He previously owned a flower shop and regularly uses his expertise to provide seasonal arrangements for the office. He also contributes floral decorations for Cabinet events, such as the recent reception outside the Secretary's office in honor of Professional Social Work Month.

If you would like to see the spring tree, you'll have to be quick. It's scheduled to soon become a Kentucky Derby tree, complete with plastic horses.



Rodney Moore and Michele Harrod have taken the lead in decorating their office's Christmas tree year-round. Moore also provides floral decorations and is pictured holding his current spring contribution.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

April has been declared Child Abuse Prevention Month nationally since 1983. Gov. Paul Patton has also proclaimed April to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in Kentucky, a time to promote public awareness of the devastating problem of child abuse.

Traditionally, to celebrate Child Abuse Prevention Month, Blue Ribbons are worn to show support for child abuse prevention awareness.

Blue Ribbons are available on a first come, first-served basis for CFC staff in the Grants section, located at 3C-B.

Please send one person from each branch to pick up enough for all your staff. The ribbons are in bundles of 10 and each person will need to provide their own pins.



CFC Celebrates Social Work Month

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CFC offices throughout the state have held receptions and other events in honor of their social workers this month, National Professional Social Work Month. A mug and certificate of appreciation were presented to each CFC employee statewide in the following social work classifications: Social Service Worker I and II, Social Service Clinician I and II, Social Service Specialist, Service Region Clinical Associate, and Family Services Office Supervisor.

All Quality Central employees who hold one of those job titles, and their supervisors, were invited to a reception in their honor outside the Secretary's office March 29. Secretary Viola Miller expressed the entire Cabinet's appreciation for their work.

The reception was orchestrated by Bobbie Walters of the Office of the Ombudsman, Dora Kerns of the Office of Program Support, and Jim Griffin of Disability Determinations. Debbie Yeary of the Secretary's staff designed the certificates of appreciation, and Rodney Moore of the Office of the Ombudsman designed the floral decorations.

At least one office held its own reception for staff outside the above listed job classifications. The Office of the Ombudsman honored its Protection and Permanency specialists, Gretchen Marshall and Julie Cubert, who both work under the job title of citizen assistant specialist.

See the March issue of *CFC Online* to read about activities in during the month across the regions. That issue also includes the proclamation signed by Gov. Paul Patton declaring March to be Social Work Month in Kentucky.



James Wurtsmith, Protection and Permanency



Elizabeth Caywood, Policy and Development



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Sick Leave



Andrew "Buddy" Moore of Fiduciary Services is in need of sick leave. He is battling a lung disease and is off indefinitely. To donate time, contact Denise Hume at 502-564-2927.

Elizabeth Young of Fiduciary Services is in need of sick leave. She has a broken leg and she needs 2 weeks of leave. To donate time, contact Denise Hume at 502-564-2927.

State Holiday



State offices will be closed ½ day on April 13 for Good Friday.

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Remember to **SPRING FORWARD** by turning your clocks ahead this weekend! It's the beginning of daylight savings time.



Gretchen Marshall, left, and Julie Cubert were honored at a Social Work Month reception hosted by their co-workers in the Office of the Ombudsman. The two are citizen assistant specialists working as the office's Protection and Permanency experts.